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KENTUCKY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN PRICES MIXED

July prices received by **Kentucky** farmers were a mix of commodities up in price, to lower and unchanged. Steers and heifers, milk, corn and soybeans increased in price.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over averaged \$107.00 per cwt. (hundred pounds) for mid-July. This was up \$2.00 from June and up \$4.00 from July 2005. Steers and heifers were at their highest price since September 2005. **Beef cow** price at mid-month was \$47.00 per cwt., unchanged from the June price while down \$5.00 from a year earlier. **Calves** less than 500 pounds averaged \$126.00 per cwt. at mid-July. This was unchanged from the June price while up \$6.00 from a year earlier.

Hog prices for mid-month were steady to lower in price. **Barrows and gilts** for mid-July averaged \$51.00 per cwt., down \$2.00 from the June price while up \$2.00 from a year earlier. **Sow** price at mid-month was \$32.00, unchanged from the June price while down \$8.00 from July 2005.

Sheep and lamb prices for June were both down from the May price. The **sheep** price at \$31.00 per cwt. was down \$6.00 from May. The **lamb** price at \$85.00 per cwt. was down \$9.00 from May.

Price of **all milk** for mid-July was \$13.60 per cwt., up 70 cents from June while down \$2.60 from July 2005. The final monthly milk price will vary from the projected mid-month price due to price changes announced by the Milk Marketing Orders, actual milk fat content and quantity sold by milk classes. **Milk cow** price for mid-July was \$1,700.00 per head, down \$130.00 from the April price and down \$80.00 from July 2005. The July price was the lowest since April 2005.

Grain prices for mid-July were mixed with corn and soybeans up in price while winter wheat was down. The **corn** price at mid-month was \$2.50 per bushel, up 3 cents from the June price and up 15 cents from July 2005. **Soybeans** at mid-July were \$5.85 per

bushel. This was up 3 cents from the June price while down \$1.02 from July 2005. The **winter wheat** price was \$3.25 per bushel, down 10 cents from the June price and down 3 cents from the previous year.

The Preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July at 117, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from June. The Crop Index was down 3 points (2.4 percent) while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, broilers, asparagus, and snap beans. Lower prices were received for grapes, cantaloupes, hogs, and broccoli. The overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, tomatoes, and hay offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, potatoes, and asparagus. The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 1 point (0.9 percent) from July 2005.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY		US	
		JULY 2005	JUNE 2006	JULY 2006	JULY 2006
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	2.35	2.47	2.50	2.20
Soybeans b/	Bu.	6.87	5.82	5.85	5.60
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	3.28	3.35	3.25	4.03
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	115.00	115.00	115.00	113.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	67.00	70.00	70.00	89.30
All Hogs	Cwt.	48.60	52.20	50.20	49.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	49.00	53.00	51.00	50.30
Sows	Cwt.	40.00	32.00	32.00	32.40
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	90.80	91.10	92.60	86.10
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	103.00	105.00	107.00	90.40
Cows	Cwt.	52.00	47.00	47.00	47.00
Calves f/	Cwt.	120.00	126.00	126.00	136.00
Sheep	Cwt.	--	31.00	--	--
Lambs	Cwt.	--	85.00	--	--
Milk Cows g/	Ea.	1,780.00	--	1,700.00	1,680.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	16.20	12.90	13.60	11.90
Hog-Corn Ratios h/	Bu.	20.7	21.1	20.1	22.5

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Published only in Jan., Apr., July & Oct. h/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the **United States** as of July 1, 2006, totaled 105.7 million head, 1 percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005 and 2 percent above the 103.4 million two years ago. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 43.0 million, were up slightly from the 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 and 1 percent above the 42.4 million two years ago. **Beef cows**, at

33.9 million, were up slightly from July 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from two years ago. **Milk cows**, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from two years ago. The 2006 **calf crop** was expected to be 37.9 million, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 27.6 million, up 1 percent from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2006, and the changes from July 1, 2005, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, unchanged.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.8 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.7 million, up 3 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, up 3 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 29.2 million, up 1 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.5 million, up 4 percent.

JULY 1, 2006, ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE

All **sheep and lamb** inventory in the **United States** on July 1, 2006, totaled 7.77 million head, down slightly from July 1, 2005, but 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.64 million head on July 1, 2006 was down slightly from July 1, 2005. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were also down slightly from last July.

The 2006 **lamb crop** in the **United States** was expected to total 4.10 million head, down 1 percent from the 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2006 totaled 3.62 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 480,000 head were expected to be born during the period July through December 2006.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	June 2005	June 2006	'06 % '05
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,346	7,383	101
Average Layers (000)	339,856	341,887	101
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,162	2,159	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set July 1 (000)	35,526	32,057	90
Chicks Hatched (000)	35,034	37,700	108
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set July 1 (000)	657,302	650,296	99
Chicks Hatched (000)	796,945	787,791	99

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.12 billion pounds in June, up 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in June 2005. June 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.43 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.16 million head, up 8 percent from June 2005. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,259 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.34 million head, 2 percent below June 2005. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

Type	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006	Jun 06 % of	
				June 2005	May 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,227	2,297	2,429	109	106
Veal	13.2	13.1	13.0	99	99
Pork	1,707	1,722	1,663	97	97
Lamb & Mutton	15.3	16.3	14.6	95	89
Total U.S.	3,962	4,049	4,120	104	102
Total Kentucky	35.5	40.0	39.1	110	98

1/ Based on packer's dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, KY & U.S. JUNE 2005 & 2006 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 head		1,000 pounds		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.1	1.1	1,029	1,002	924	950
Hogs	174.4	193.5	46,500	51,360	267	265
Sheep & Lambs	1.2	1.1	171	123	137	117
United States						
Cattle	2,937.6	3,159.0	3,656,128	3,977,593	1,245	1,259
Hogs	8,553.8	8,342.2	2,295,391	2,237,832	268	268
Sheep & Lambs	221.7	211.8	30,509	29,078	138	137

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2006 were greater than year earlier levels for beef, butter, chicken, eggs, and cheese.

ALL U.S. WAREHOUSE STOCKS					
Commodity	June 30 2005	May 31 2006	June 30 2006	June 06 as % of	
				Jun '05	May '06
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	690,840	773,099	782,004	113	101
Turkey	506,302	466,579	505,384	100	108
Ducks	2,475	7,928	6,122	247	77
Total Frozen Poultry	1,199,617	1,247,606	1,293,510	108	104
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	342,106	434,552	438,285	128	101
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	70,657	64,857	52,508	74	81
Total Frozen Pork 1/	492,494	473,317	408,722	83	86
Total Meat 2/	851,659	926,210	866,925	102	94

1/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for June 2006 totaled 110 million pounds, down 8 percent from last month and down 7 percent from June 2005. Average number of milk cows, at 98,000 head, was unchanged from last month but down 9,000 head from last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,120 pounds, down 100 pounds from last month but up 15 pounds from last year.

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14

billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from June 2005. May revised production, at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from May 2005. The May revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,695 pounds for June, 5 pounds above June 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.27 million head, 128,000 head more than June 2005, and 9,000 head more than May 2006.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR JUNE, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Production 2/		2006 as % of 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,753	1,783	1,815	1,795	3,182	3,200	101
IL	104	103	1,600	1,590	166	164	99
IN	156	166	1,715	1,670	268	277	103
KY	107	98	1,105	1,120	118	110	93
MO	118	116	1,380	1,320	163	153	94
OH	270	274	1,500	1,530	405	419	103
VA	105	103	1,420	1,450	149	149	100
WI	1,235	1,243	1,590	1,595	1,964	1,983	101
23 State Total	8,138	8,266	1,690	1,695	13,755	14,011	102

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CATFISH

Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing States (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi) had 291 million foodsize fish on hand on July 1, 2006, down slightly from the July 1, 2005 total of 292 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2006, with their respective percent change from the previous year were: large foodsize, 7.13 million, down 1 percent; medium foodsize, 73.7 million, up 2 percent; and small foodsize, 210 million, down 1 percent. The four major States also had 930 thousand broodfish on hand on July 1, 2006, down 10 percent from last year's 1.03 million.

The water surface area to be used for catfish production during July 1 through December 31, 2006, totaled 156 thousand acres, down 1 percent from a year ago. Acres used for foodsize fish totaled 124 thousand acres, down 2 percent from July 2005. Acres for broodfish increased 1 percent to 3.86 thousand acres, and acres used for fingerling production

increased 3 percent to 23.4 thousand acres. Acres taken out of production during the January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006 period totaled 4.48 thousand, while 5.72 thousand acres of the total in production were scheduled to be renovated from July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. The total number of operations on July 1, 2006 in the four major States was 753, down 2 percent from the year ago total of 766.

CATFISH WATER ACRES & OPERATIONS

State	Operations		Water Surface Acres	
	Jul 1 '05	Jul 1 '06	Jul 1-Dec 31 '05 <u>1</u>	Jul 1 - Dec 31 '06
AL	210	217	23,700	24,300
AR	124	132	29,000	30,000
LA	32	24	6,900	5,700
MS	400	380	98,000	96,000
Total	766	753	157,600	156,000

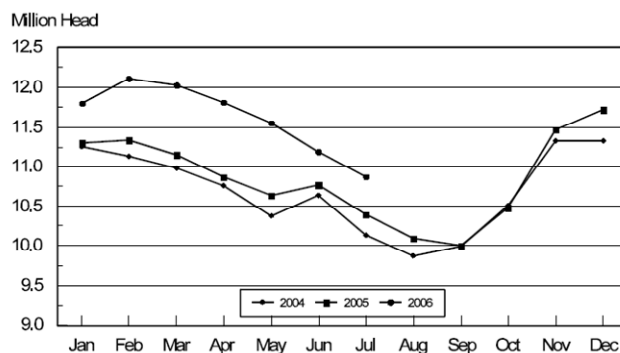
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U. S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on July 1, 2006. The inventory was 5 percent above July 1, 2005 and 7 percent above July 1, 2004. This is the second highest July 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.09 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.71 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. **Placements** in feedlots during June totaled 1.95 million, 10 percent above 2005 and 18 percent above 2004. This is the second highest placements for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.89 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 430,000, 700-799 pounds were 456,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 500,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during June totaled 2.20 million, 6 percent above 2005 and up 6 percent from 2004. This is the second highest fed cattle

marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996. **Other disappearance** totaled 63,000 during June, unchanged from 2005 but 10 percent below 2004.

United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots



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